## INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING A PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION

South Dakota allows either the custodial or non-custodial parent to petition for modification of a <u>South Dakota child support order</u>. In limited circumstances, another state's child support order may be modified if registered in South Dakota. Please contact the Division of Child Support or your attorney for more information regarding modification of out-of-state child support orders. **You are the Petitioner and the other parent is the Respondent.** 

If the support order was established or last modified: (1) before July 1, 2009; or, (2) more than three years have passed since establishment or modification of the order, you do not have to state any change in circumstances within the petition. If the order was established after July 1, 2009, and is less than three years old, you must state a **substantial** change in circumstances before modification is appropriate.

In any petition for modification, state law provides that the referee and court may consider health insurance coverage, child care expenses, and immediate wage withholding as part of any decision.

Make certain you complete all sections within the petition and financial statement. The petition must be signed before a notary public. YOU MUST SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY ATTACHMENTS WITH THE PETITION. SEE CHECKLIST ON REVERSE SIDE FOR REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS. FAILURE TO ATTACH THE REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS MAY RESULT IN DELAYS IN THE CHILD SUPPORT ORDER BEING MODIFIED.

A \$50 filing fee is required to be paid to the Clerk of Courts by the petitioning party. However, the petitioning or moving party is not subject to the \$50 filing fee if he/she is a recipient of assistance benefits pursuant to Title 28 (i.e. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Medicaid, Child Care Assistance, Energy Assistance, etc.). The Petitioner may also file a motion requesting the court to waive the \$50 filing fee by completing and submitting the enclosed Filing Fee Waiver Request form with this petition. If you are not a recipient of Title 28 benefits as indicated above, or if you do not submit the waiver request form, attach a \$50 check or money order payable to the Clerk of Courts. **DO NOT ATTACH CASH.** 

Mail your petition, financial statement, and supporting attachments to: <u>Modification Section, Division of Child Support, 700 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501-2291.</u> If you have any questions, call the Modification Section at (605)773-4724. A brochure explaining the process is also available at the local office of the Department of Social Services and at the nearest Division of Child Support.

## CHECKLIST: THE FOLLOWING MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE PETITION: Both Petitioner and Respondent's name and address. Please note that if a protection order exists, your address may still be released to the non-petitioning party during modification proceedings. [ ] Signed and Notarized Petition. [ ] Signed Financial Statement. (Sign and date the financial statement.) [ ] Complete copy of your most recent South Dakota Order for Child Support, divorce decree, or judgment, which establishes the support obligation you wish to modify. [ ] Copy of your most recent pay stubs or other verification of income. [ ] Your last filed Federal Income Tax Return with all supporting schedules and documents. Include your W-2 if you filed jointly. Verification of health insurance coverage for the child(ren), if any. IF YOU ARE THE PARENT PROVIDING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE, YOU MUST PROVIDE VERIFICATION OF THE COST OF ADDING THE CHILD(REN) TO EXISTING COVERAGE, THE COST OF SELF ONLY COVERAGE AND FAMILY COVERAGE, OR THE COST OF PRIVATE COVERAGE FOR **THE CHILD(REN).** Public Health and Title 19 (Medicaid) are not considered adequate coverage. Verification of child care expenses for the child(ren), if any, and a copy of your child care assistance certificate if you receive State child care assistance. IF YOU ARE THE PARENT PAYING FOR CHILD CARE EXPENSES, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE DOCUMENTATION FOR THE COST OF CHILD CARE EXPENSES. A copy of your most recent visitation order, if you are requesting an abatement for visitation or shared parenting cross credit. Copy of court order & evidence of payment if claiming deduction for other child support obligations and/or alimony payments.

Completed Filing Fee Waiver Request form, **OR** \$50 check or money order payable to Clerk of Courts.

A completed UJS/DSS Form 089.

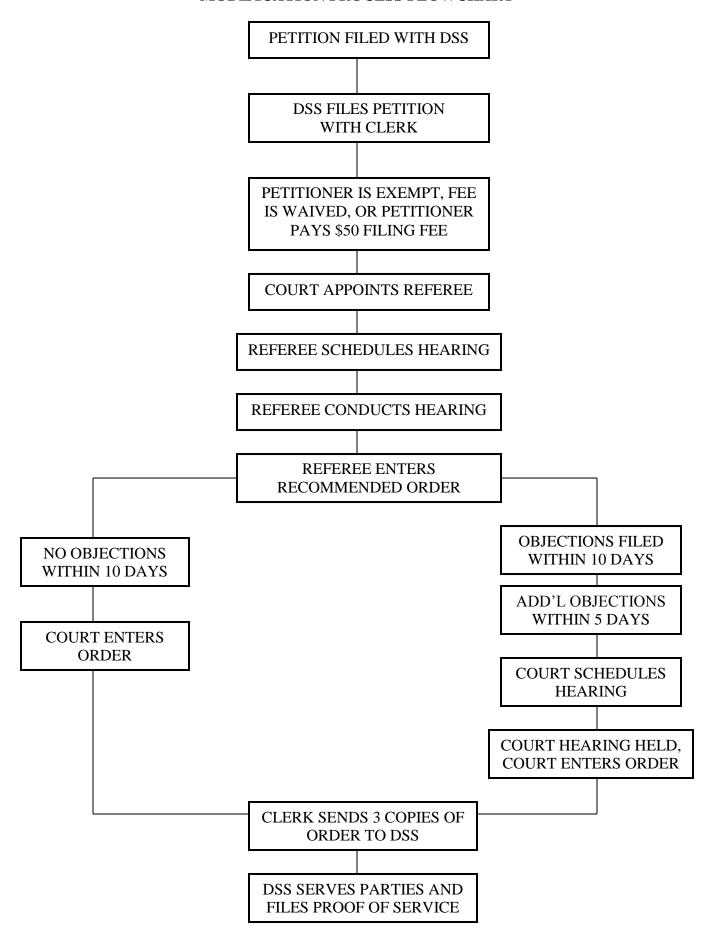
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### **MODIFICATION OF SUPPORT ORDERS**

SDCL 25-7A-22 provides for a process for the custodial parent, non-custodial parent, or an assignee to file a petition to increase or decrease South Dakota support orders based upon a change in circumstances. This process involves the Department of Social Services, referees appointed by the Unified Judicial System, and the Circuit Courts. The steps for the modification process are outlined below.

- 1. Petition, financial statement, a copy of the court order, and other attachments are filed with the Department of Social Services (DSS).
- 2. DSS forwards the documents to the clerk of courts in the county where the court order is filed.
- 3. The Circuit Court judge appoints a referee to conduct a hearing on the petition for modification. NOTE: The \$50 filing fee must be made payable to the Clerk of Courts (check or money order only **DO NOT send cash**) before the Court will appoint a referee to conduct a modification hearing, <u>unless</u> the Petitioner is exempt from, or the court has waived, the filing fee.
- 4. The referee sends notice to the parties with a scheduled hearing date, and a request for the non-petitioning party to submit financial statement and other information. If the Petitioner does not appear at the hearing, the referee may dismiss the request for modification.
- 5. The referee conducts a hearing, using the child support guidelines, to determine whether the child support order should be changed. The parties may provide testimony or evidence to the referee for consideration of deviations or other allowable factors.
- 6. Based upon the findings of the referee, the referee enters a report recommending the amount of the monthly support obligation. This report is filed with the Circuit Court, and a copy is served on the custodial parent, non-custodial parent, and the assignee, if applicable.
- 7. Any of the parties may file written objections to the referee's report with the Circuit Court within ten (10) days of entry of the referee's report. A transcript of the referee's hearing is generally required. You should contact the referee to order the transcript.
- 8. If no objections are filed within ten (10) days, the Circuit Court may enter its order. If the Circuit Court modifies the referee's recommended order without a court hearing, either party may file a written objection to that modification with the Circuit Court within ten days of service of the order.
- 9. If objections are filed within ten (10) days by one of the parties, the other party shall have an additional five (5) days from the date of service of the objections to file additional objections with the court. The Circuit Court then schedules a hearing to consider the objections to the referee's report. After the hearing, the Circuit Court enters an order to adopt the referee's report, modify it, or reject and remand it for further hearing by the referee.
- 10. After entry of the Circuit Court order, the Department of Social Services serves both parties with a copy of the order by certified mail, and files proof of service with the court.
- 11. Either party can appeal the Circuit Court order to the South Dakota Supreme Court within thirty (30) days of entry of the circuit court order.

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COUNTY OF ORDER		) JUDICIAL CIRCUIT			
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INFORMATION ON PETITIONER (	Person completing this fe	orm):			
NAME		_ TELEPHONE #			
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LAST KNOWN INFORMATION ON	RESPONDENT:				
NAME		TELEPHONE #			
ADDRESS					
CITY	STATE	ZIP			
Email:					
		e following child(ren):			
and (circle one) is, was, or was not the sp	pouse of Respondent.				
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follows: You must complete this section three years old. (Please print. Use additional print)	if the order for support wonal sheets if necessary.)	as entered after July 1, 2009, and is less than			

This petition and accompanying documents will be treated as confidential by the court and will not be available to the public as defined by SDCL 15-15A-2(1)-(3).

In accordance with SDCL 25-7-6.10, I request deviations from produce evidence at the hearing to prove the claimed deviation	
<ul> <li>1. Income of a new spouse or contributions of a third party.</li> <li>2. Financial condition of either party.</li> <li>3. Education or health care special needs of the children.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>4. Agreements between parents for extra forms of support.</li> <li>5. Obligation for subsequent children.</li> <li>6. Voluntary and unreasonable act reducing either parent's income.</li> </ul>
I also request that the following factors be considered in this is a large of the considered in the considered i	25-7-6.14) (Attach copy of visitation order) 25-7-6.27) (Attach copy of visitation order) 6.15) (Attach verification of costs, if available) 25-7-6.16) (Attach verification of coverage and cost)
<ul> <li>Wherefore, Petitioner requests the following relief:</li> <li>Respondent be required to appear and answer in this proc</li> <li>The Court modify the support obligation as determined by deviations and other factors identified in this petition; and</li> <li>The Court grant other relief as deemed just and equitable.</li> </ul>	by the Court after the hearing taking into consideration the
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the foregoing Petition; he/she has read the Petition and knows knowledge, except to matters which are stated upon informati be true.  Note: A person who signs this document knowing the info	ion or belief, and as to those matter he/she believes them to ormation to be false or untrue, in whole or in part, is
guilty of perjury – a Class 5 Felony punishable by impriso than \$10,000.	onment of not more than five years and a fine of not more
	PETITIONER
Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of	
Seal	NOTARY PUBLIC My commission expires:
Attachments: 1. Signed financial statement 2. Latest order, judgment, or decree establishing child support	

- Most recent paycheck stub and most recent federal tax return with supporting schedules
- 4. Verification of health insurance costs, if any
- 5. Verification of child care expenses, if any, and a copy of your child care certificate if you receive State child care assistance
- 6. Most recent visitation order if requesting an abatement of child support or cross credit for shared parental responsibility

## INFORMATION REGARDING PARENTS OF CHILD(REN)

The Diological / Dadoptive parents of the child(ren) listed below in this proceeding are:	
Father: Name	
Address (if known)	
City, State, Zip	
Phone Number	
Mother: Name	
Address (if known)	
City, State, Zip	
Phone Number	
1 Child Name	
1. Child Name	
Date of Birth:  Is there a current order for child support for this child?  Yes No	
If there is not a current order for child support, please answer the following:	
Was the child born during marriage of the father and mother?  Yes  No	
If yes, date of marriage: If no, was an Acknowledgment of Paternity or Paternity Affidavit signed?   Yes (attach affidavit)	□No
Was genetic testing done showing 99% or higher probability of paternity? Yes (attach report)	No
Was paternity established by court order?	No
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2. Child Name	
Date of Birth:	
Is there a current order for child support for this child? Yes No	
If there is not a current order for child support, please answer the following:	
Was the child born during marriage of the father and mother? Yes No	
If yes, date of marriage:	
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DSS-SE-415A (08/2011) STATE OF SOUTH DAKC IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPPORT OBLIGATION (	CHILD )	FINANCIAL STATEMENT DCS #:
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## **CHILD CARE (DAYCARE) COSTS**

Child care costs may be considered in computing the monthly child support obligation provided that the costs are incurred as a result of employment of either parent, job search of either parent, or the training or education of either parent necessary to obtain a job or enhance earning potential. Please complete the following for only those children that the support obligation will pertain to and **attach verification of child care expenses**. If this information is not provided, there may be no allocation of child care expenses in computing the support obligation.

Name and address of child care provider	:	
The name of the child(ren) for whom chi	lld care is provided:	
How many hours per week is child care	being provided?	
How many hours per week is child care Cost of Child Care: Monthly: \$	Weekly: \$ Hour	ly: \$
List the costs, per month, of the child car	re expenses incurred for the past	t six months:
Do you receive any state assistance for c Do you claim the Federal Child Care Tax		
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Description & Location of Item	Market Value	Debt/Balance Owed
No Yes If yes, attach a copy of the court order ar Do you make payments for spousal supp	nd evidence of payments. If not ort?   No Yes	
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Signature of person completing this	s Financial Statement is req	uired.
Signature	Date	_

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA	IN CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY OF	JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
	CASE FILE NO:
Plaintiff,	
vs.	APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OF \$50 FILING FEE FOR THE MODIFICATION OF A FINAL CHILD SUPPORT, CHILD CUSTODY, VISITATION, OR SPOUSAL SUPPORT ORDER
Defendant	COSTODI, VISITITION, ON STOCKING SOLIT ON TOWN
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The existing child support order was entered into on: Date _	
The existing child support order was last modified on: Date	s
I (DO) (DO NOT) HAVE A LAWYER/ Lawyer's Name:	
(4) (If employed), my weekly take home pay is: \$	
III. Al	NTICIPATED INCOME (money or property you are expecting)
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(10) I affirm the above information is correct and accuration misleading of fact will subject me to the penalty of	ate to the best of my knowledge and fully understand any misrepresentation or perjury.
	g the information to be false or untrue, in whole or in part, is guilty of perjury – not more than five years and a fine of not more than \$10,000.
Dated this day of	X, Petitioner
APPROVED	DENIED
ATTEST:	BY THE COURT:
CLERK OF COURT/DEPUTY (SEAL)	CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE Form UJS-135 Rev. 08/2010

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHILD SUPPORT ORDER FILING DATA FORM (UJS/DSS FORM 089)

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF THIS FORM AND FILE THE FORM WITH THE CLERK OF COURT'S OFFICE IN WHICH YOUR CASE IS BEING HANDLED.

As a result of federal welfare reform, *effective October 1, 1998*, new procedures apply to child support cases in South Dakota. The most significant changes are:

- → The Department of Social Services will be the central case registry for the state.
- → The Department of Social Services will be the central payment center for the state and will handle all disbursements.
- → Your failure to update certain information on file with the Department of Social Services and the court by using this Child Support Order Filing Data Form can have serious legal consequences regarding your legal right to be notified of enforcement actions regarding your child support obligations.

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Upon entry of any new or modified court order for child support, the parties in the case must personally, or through their attorney, file a completed Child Support Order Filing Data Form with the clerk of court.
- 2. Whenever any information on the form changes (for example, you change jobs or place of residence), you must complete a new form and file it with the clerk of court's office.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** You are responsible for ensuring that all information is accurate and current. If you fail to keep the information current, you may be served with future notices and orders of enforcement actions regarding your child support obligation at the last residential or employer address provided. Failure to appear in court when so notified may result in a default judgment being entered against you.
- 3. If a protection order for domestic violence against a spouse or abuse of a child is in effect (whether temporary or permanent), check the appropriate box on the form and attach a copy of the order to the form.
- 4. Keep the pink copy for your records and file the remaining copies with the clerk of court's office.

THIS FORM WILL BE TREATED AS A CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT BY THE COURT (This means the information will not be released to the public as defined by SDCL 15-15A-2(1)-(3)).

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Circuit Judge

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